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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: CEREMONIES FOR THE ENTRY INTO
FORCE OF THE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION (S/S 7504962)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE ACTING SECRETARY AND IKLE

1. PROBLEM: THE 1972 BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS CONVENTION WILL
ENTER INTO FORCE WITH THE SIMULTANEOUS DEPOSITS OF THE IN-
STRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE THREE DEPOSITARY GOVERN-
MENTS (UNITED STATES, UK, AND USSR) IN WASHINGTON, LONDON,
AND MOSCOW. IN ORDER TO PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR THESE
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CEREMONIES, WHICH COULD BE HELD AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK, YOUR

DECISION IS NEEDED ON THE LEVEL OF US REPRESENTATION.

2. BACKGROUND: THE CEREMONY, WHICH SHOULD TAKE ABOUT HALF AN HOUR, INVOLVES THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HOST GOVERNMENT OF THE INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE THREE DEPOSITARY GOVERNMENTS AND THOSE OF ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTS PREPARED TO DEPOSIT INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION AT THAT TIME. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT IN ADDITION TO THE HOST REPRESENTATIVE, THE AMBASSADORS OR CHARGES OF THE OTHER TWO DEPOSITARIES, AND THE DIRECTOR OF ACDA (TO DEPOSIT THE US INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION) WILL ATTEND.

3. THE POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENTIAL-LEVEL REPRESENTATION HAS BEEN RULED OUT IN ALL CAPITALS. THE BRITISH HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY PLAN TO HAVE DEPUTY MINISTERIAL LEVEL REPRESENTATION (I.E., DAVID ENNALS) IN LONDON. ALTHOUGH THE SOVIETS ORIGINALLY PREFERRED TO HAVE FOREIGN MINISTERS, THEY HAVE NOW TOLD THE BRITISH INFORMALLY THAT DEPUTY-LEVEL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE AND INDICATED THAT KUZNETSOV MIGHT HOST THE MOSCOW CEREMONY. THE BRITISH AND THE SOVIETS HAVE BOTH STATED A PREFERENCE FOR HOLDING THE CEREMONIES BEFORE OR ON MARCH 21 AND INDICATED THAT THEIR RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING THIS PERIOD. WHILE IT IS NOT ESSENTIAL THAT THE CEREMONY BE HELD BEFORE THE 21ST, WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE THE CONVENTION ENTER INTO FORCE WITH MINIMUM DELAY AND THEREFORE HOPE TO SCHEDULE THE CEREMONY FOR NEXT WEEK.

4. WE BELIEVE THAT THE WASHINGTON CEREMONY SHOULD BE HELD AT THE DEPUTY MINISTERIAL LEVEL, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF BRITISH AND REPORTED SOVIET PLANS. IN YOUR ABSENCE, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY WOULD REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES IN HIS CAPACITY AS ACTING SECRETARY.

5. RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT THE DEPUTY SECRETARY REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AT THE CEREMONY, EITHER AS DEPUTY SECRETARY OR, IN YOUR ABSENCE, AS ACTING SECRETARY.

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2. ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU BE THE US REPRESENTATIVE AND THAT THE CEREMONY BE POSTPONED IF NECESSARY PENDING YOUR RETURN.

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